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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF NORWAY,

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 12, 1873.

ALSO, REPORTS OF

Supervisor of Schools,

TOWN AGENT,

AND WARRANT FOR NEXT TOWN MEETING.

NORWAY, MAINE:
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1873.

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Town Officers for 1872.

E. H. BROWN, Clerk.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

A. F. Noyes, Wm. Frost 2d, C. W. Ryerson.

Treasurer,

LEE MIXER.

Supervisor of Schools.

F. E. CROCKETT.

Collector,

G. A. COLE.

Town Agent,

HENRY UPTON.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Valuation.

The valuation of the Town of Norway, as taken by the Assessors, on the first day of April, 1872, was as follows, to wit :—

Value of real Estate, - - -	$195,013 00
" " Personal Property, - -	67,916 00

Number of Polls, - -	509
" " Dogs, - -	124

State Tax for 1872,	$3,694 34	
County Tax for 1872,	769 97	
Voted for Schools,	2,000 00	
Poor and other Expenses,	2,200 00	
Voted for Roads,	800 00	
Delinquincy of Highway for 1871,	217 06	
Overlaying,	346 82	
Dogs,	124 00	
Supplementary Tax,	23 44	
School District No. 14, voted to raise,	40 00	
Overlaying,	1 40	
Supplementary Tax,	1, 04	
		$10,218 07

Expense of Paupers off Town Farm.

Paid for N. J. Pike,		$32 50	
" B. Cushman, for support of his father,		55 25	
Due B. Cushman, for 1871	5 00		
Paid for wood furnished Frank girls,		28 13	
" for Sarah Lord,		48 70	
" for Wm. Peabody,		244 35	
" for Medical attendance,		25 00	
			$433 93

Insane Hospital.

TREASURER OF INSANE HOSPITAL,		CR.
Expense of Martha J. Noble,		$149 31
		DR.
To cash paid,		$149 31

Highway Account.

Town raised for repairs of highway in labor,	$3,000 00	
Overlaying in assessment,	49 63	
		$3049 63

Voted to make a discount of fifteen cents on a dollar of the labor tax, when paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of June, 1872. There was paid into the Treasury $251 27.

Voted to raise $800 in money for repairs of roads and bridges.

The whole sums expended in repairing the several roads and bridges besides the labor tax is, $694 89.

Including orders due before the settlement of 1872.

LIABILITIES.

Use of Concert Hall and wood,	$101 00	
Use of Armory,	100 00	
Due Overseer on Town Farm,	57 73	
Due for extra labor on "	32 00	
Due the several School Districts for Schools,	1,825 05	
Due Robert Hall for the support of his sisters,	100 00	
Collector's fee for 1872,	54 85	
E. H. Brown's services for Town Clerk,	15 00	
Lee Mixer, Treasurer,	20 00	
A. F. Noyes, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, $112 07; Drawn $50 00,	62 07	
Wm. Frost 2d, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	85 47	
C. W. Ryerson " " " "	61 50	
Printing Town Report,	30 00	
		$2,544 67

Treasurer's Account.

LEE MIXER, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Norway:

1872.	DR.	
Due to, and in the Treasury,	4,825 77	
State of Maine Bonds,	2,700 00	
Cash of Wm. Frost 2d. for calves sold,	10 00	
" " " " " stone sold,	2 50	
" " " " " Circus license,	7 00	
" " E. C. Shackley for Mrs. Cleaves,	50 00	
" collected on road tax,	251 27	
" of A. F. Noyes for Mrs. Abbott's board,	25 00	
		$7,871 54

Amount brought forward,	$7,871 54	
Cash of A. F. Noyes for Butter sold from Farm,	87 42	
" " " " " Bowling Alley license,	10 00	
" " " " " Hams sold,	9 06	
" " A. O. Noyes for liquors sold,	100 00	
Interest on State Bonds,	162 00	
State Mill tax,	681 62	
Cash of A. F. Noyes for Mrs. Abbotts board,	12 00	
" " A. O. Noyes for liquors sold,	83 94	
Savings Bank tax and State School Fund,	231 68	
Certificate of Town tax for 1872,	5,711 32	
" " Tax in School Dis. No. 14,	42 44	
Interest on School Fund,	13 70	
Cash of D. W. Beal for Liquors sold,	47 63	
		$15,064 35

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For Ministerial School Fund,	$9 00	
Interest paid John Hobbs on note,	8 28	
Amount of Town orders paid,	6,725 65	
Military order	194 98	
For use of box in Savings Bank,	5 00	
State of Maine Bonds on hand,	2,700 00	
Due to, and in the Treasury,	5,421 44	
		$15,064 35

Feb. 12th, 1873.—We have this day audited the books and accounts of Lee Mixer, Treasury of the Town of Norway, and find the same correct and properly vouched for, and the balance on hand as above stated.

A. F. Noyes,
Wm. Frost, 2d,
C. W. Ryerson.
} Selectmen of Norway.

Liquor Agency.

Statement of Norway Liquor Agency, from Feb. 6th, 1872, to Feb. 10th, 1873.

Cash received of Agent from Feb. 6th, to Apr. 9th, 1872,	$47 63	
Cash received for liquors sold from April 9th, to Feb. 10th, 1873,	2,052 65	
Cash received for Barrels and Casks,	27 70	
Liquors on hand,	364 02	
		2,492 00
Amount of Liquors bought,	1,740 24	
Freight, Cartage &c.,	31 17	
Liquors on hand Apr. 9th, 1872,	136 58	
Salary of Agent 10 months,	125 00	
		2,032 99
Income of Agency,		$459 01

MILITARY ORDERS OUTSTANDING.

Order No: 168 Dennis Lovewell, interest included,	$194 98

Resources.

Due to and in the Treasury,	$5,421 44	
Liabilities,	2,544 67	
Due the Town Feb. 12th, 1873,		$2,876 77
" " " " " 1872,		2,179 34
Standing of the Town better than last year,		697 43

The above liabilities do not include bill for breaking roads the present winter, which will undoubtedly be very much more than usual.

The preceeding report contains a true statement of the receipts and disbursements of the town of Norway, from Feb. 12th, 1872, to Feb. 12th, 1873.

A. F. NOYES,
WM. FROST 2d,
C. W. RYERSON,
} Selectmen of Norway.

Town Agent's Report.

Since the last annual meeting, the action then pending, Green and wife, vs. Inhabitants of Norway, has been referred to Judge Danforth. When the case was referred, we expected the hearing to have been in November, but the holding of the Kennebec County Court, by Judge Danforth prevented. Will probably be heard early this season.

At the December Term of Court, the Counsel for Messrs. Horne and Roberts, suggested a reference of all their suits vs. the town. Neither the Counsel for the town, nor myself felt authorized to agree to a reference unless so instructed by the town, as the annual meeting of the town would be held before the March Court, an opportunity might be had, to learn the wish of the town in regard to a reference. It is hoped such action may be had as will decide the question, either for, or against a reference.

HENRY UPTON, Agent.

SCHOOLS.

District.	Balance Due.	Sum Apportioned.	Amount Drawn.	Due the Districts.	
No. 1.	$93,05	$117,07	$96,63	$113,49	
" 2.	113,88	139,06	144,19	108,75	
" 3.	79,98	147,24	110,75	116,47	
" 4.	9,73	87,52	99,00		
" 5.	119,17	171,78	171,92	119,03	
" 6.	98,89	155,42	135,00	119,31	
" 7.	690,41	1,156,10	1,081,41	765,10	
" 8.	92,20	134,97	116,20	110,97	
" 9.	9,97	130,88	129,72	11,13	
" 10.	,75	102,34	28,00	75,09	
" 11.	115,25	130,88	157,14	88,99	
" 12.	62,92	106,89	93,00	76,81	
" 13.	6,14	122,70	123,80	5,04	
" 14.	60,23	99,28	68,67	90,84	
" 15.	45,11	101,80	122,88	24,03	
No. 14, in Waterford,		20,45	20,45	———	$ 1825,05

*The above table should have appeared on page seven, before the Treasurer's Report. This was one of our blunders, and no blame should be attached to the Selectmen.—*Printer.*

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,

March 3d, 1873.

To Geo. A. Cole, one of the Constables of the Town of Norway, in the County of Oxford, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Norway, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in Concert Hall, in said town on Monday, the third day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following Articles, to wit:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose a Board of Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, and all other Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To see what sum of money the Town will grant and raise for the support of Schools for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of the Poor, and defray all other town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for making and repairing the several roads and bridges in said town for the year ensuing, and to agree what discount if any, shall be made to persons who shall pay their highway tax or any part thereof, to the Town Treasurer, at such time as the town shall determine, and also to instruct Surveyors of highways, what to allow per day for labor and implements used in repairing the highway.

ART. 7. To see what discount the town will vote to allow persons who shall pay their State, County and Town taxes within a specified time, and see if the town will vote to allow a discount to those who shall pay their taxes to the Collector on or before the first day of September next; and charge interest on all taxes unpaid from the first day of Oct. next, until paid.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote to set off Albion Hall and his estate from School Dis't. No. 11, and annex the same to School Dis't. No. 2, for school purposes.

ART. 9. To see if the town will allow Benjamin York, his money and labor tax, if he will keep in repair the road leading from his house to Silas E. Hall's house.

ART. 10. To see if the town will allow Samuel P. Frost, his money and labor tax, if he will keep in repair, the road, leading from his house, to Mrs. Eliab R. Frost's house.

Art. 11. To see if the town will allow William S. Pingree his money and labor tax, if he will keep in repair the road leading from his house to the Co. road leading to Albany.

Art. 12. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors selected by the Selectmen, Treas. and Town Clerk.

Art. 13. To see what action the town will take in reference to the suits in favor of John L. Horne and James A. Roberts.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to accept the road as a town way commencing on the South West side of Main street in Norway village, lead-between Dr. F. E. Crockett's house and Benson Hawkins store, to land of Benj. Tucker and James Bennett, as now used for a private way.

Art. 15 To see if the town will vote not to tax dogs.

Art. 16. To see what action the town will take on any claims that may be presented to them at their annual meeting for allowance.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session, at Concert Hall, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Norway, this twentieth day of February, A. D. 1873.

A. F. NOYES, WM. FROST, 2d, C. W. RYERSON. } Selectmen of Norway.

A true copy attest: G. A. COLE, Constable.

REPORT

OF THE

Supervisor of Schools,

For the Year ending Feb. 28th, 1873.

The Report of the Public Schools of Norway for the last year, is hereby presented:

DISTRICT NO. 1—E. A. SANDERS, *Agent.*

The Summer term in this District, was taught by Miss Viola French, who well sustained her former reputation. Miss French has taught several terms and has always had excellent success. The Winter term in charge of Miss Addie I. Hammond met with excellent success. Miss H. combines the elements that insure a successful teacher,

DISTRICT NO. 2—JAMES SHEDD, *Agent.*

The Summer term was brought to a close very suddenly by the teacher Miss Jennie Cross. This term commenced well and had the appearance of being very profitable to the District. Miss Cross has every qualification for an excellent teacher.

Winter term was in charge of Frank P. Towne. This school succeeded very well this winter, although the discipline was not of the highest order.

DISTRICT NO. 3—THOMAS WITT, *Agent.*

The Summer term of this District, was taught by Miss Hattie E. Towne. The Supervisor found this School sadly deficient in Grammar at his first visit, but at the final examination, found a marked improvment. Miss Towne is an experienced teacher, and no school can fail to be interested where she is the teacher.

The Winter term under the management of Chas. E. Wilson, although his first school, was a success. This district should see that the school house is put in better repair, and also visit more frequently the school during its term of session.

DISTRICT NO. 4—B. W. MARSTON, *Agent.*

The Summer term was under the instruction of Miss Issie Hobbs who is a young teacher, and bids fair to make an excellent teacher. The parents of this district were present at the final examination.

Winter term was taught by Miss E. L. Walker, who succeeded to the satisfaction of the district and the Supervisor.

DISTRICT NO. 5—W. D. EARLE, *Agent.*

Summer term of this District was under the instruction of Miss Clara A. Noyes. Miss Noyes teaches an excellent school, and excels in order. She is an experienced teacher, and should be constantly employed by the town.

Winter term was taught by Daniel Brackett. Mr. B. is a thorough scholar, and the school made excellent progress under his charge.

DISTRICT NO. 6—SOLOMON H. MILLETT, *Agent.*

The Summer term was taught by Miss Carrie Pike. The Supervisor found this school working finely at both visits.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. A. P. Warren, who is an excellent scholar and was very successful with his school. We hope the district can secure his services for another winter.

DISTRICT No. 7—Albert Sanborn, *Agent.*

The Summer term of the High School was taught for only five weeks by Miss Josie L. Boynton. There seemed to be a lack of interest on the part of both teacher and pupils, and it was thought advisable to close with only a short term.

The Winter term of this school was under the charge of Mr. O. M. Metcalf, assisted by Miss Izah T. Howe, both experienced teachers. Mr. M. ranks very high as a teacher, and the school made excellent progress. The classes in his school were very large, but it was surprising to see the system with which they were managed. Miss Howe sustained her former excellent reputation.

The Intermediate School was under the charge of Miss Addie Q. Mathews for both terms. Miss M's scholars are models for order, and the progress in their studies was very great.

The Upper Primary was taught by Miss Addie Denison for both terms. This school has more scholars than one teacher can manage with profit.

The Lower Primary was taught by Miss Alice Burnham in the Summer, and by Miss Clara Noyes in the Winter.

DISTRICT NO. 8—John Gerry *Agent.*

The Summer term of this district was taught by Miss Hattie Porter. This term was broken into, by the teacher and scholars being sick with an epidemic. We have no doubt but what the school would have succeeded even better than it did.

Winter term was taught by Miss S. E. Ripley, who is an experienced teacher. We were sorry to hear of an effort to break up and destroy the school. Twice the Supervisor had to visit the school, and the second time expel a scholar, a painful duty but one sometimes necessary, when scholars and parents cannot see their errors. There is no reason why this district cannot have as good schools as any other in town, for they have money enough, and the district or the larger share is disposed to furnish wood, and board the teacher, for the benefit of longer schools. At the last visit, at the close of the term, I found the

school in nice running order, and that the scholars who had attended through the term, had made excellent progress. The Discipline of this school was excellent, and the district has had *one* excellent winter school.

DISTRICT NO 9—DAVID FLOOD, *Agent.*

The Summer term of this School was taught by Mary F. Haskell. This was Miss H's first school and a very successful one.

Winter term by Miss Annie D. Hall, an experienced teacher, and excellent progress was made. The order was excellent.

DSTRICT NO. 10—JOHN H. MILLETT *Agent.*

The Summer term, was taught by Belle Reed. Government of the highest order, instruction very thorough. We were pleased to see at the final examination a large number of the parents present—an indication of the prosperity of the school.

Winter term under the charge of Miss Mattie Brooks, a competent teacher, was very profitable.

DISTRICT NO. 11—BRADLEY FROST *Agent.*

Summer term was taught by Miss Mattie Brooks, a worthy teacher. The improvement in Mathematics and Geography was very pleasing to the Supervisor, especially a class of four little girls who, at the final examination, could repeat all the tables of Reduction of Compound Numbers, also the Multiplication Tables. Their names are GERTIE UPTON, ELLA MORTON, GEORGIE POOL and MARCHIE NOYES, aged 8, 7, 8 and 12, respectively.

Winter term was taught by Ellen Stevens. Miss Stevens has taught several schools, and the district which secures her services is lucky.

DISTRICT NO. 12—Harland Flint, *Agent.*

This school for both terms has been under the care of Miss Viola French. This I consider is one of the best schools in town, and Miss French succeeds admirably. The order was excellent, and the improvement good.

DISTRICT NO. 13—N. L. Scribner, *Agent*

The Fall school of this district was in the charge of S. F. Sanderson, who taught a good school.

The winter term was taught by Horace Burnham, which for his first school succeeded well.

DISTRICT NO. 14—W. C. Pearce, *Agent.*

The summer term of this school was in charge of Miss Ellen Stevens who taught an excellent school.

Winter school was taught by Miss S. H. Witt, who sustained her previous reputation as a first class teacher. This district has thorougely repaired their school house during the past year, and now they have as neat a school room as any in the town. One little scholar GEORGIE PINGREE, aged 6 years, repeated at the close of the Summer term all the tables for Reduction of Compound Numbers also the Multiplication tables.

DISTRICT NO. 15—W. H. Knightly, *Agent.*

Summer term of this district was taught by Miss Emma L. Walker, and the Winter term by Miss Alice Kimball, both teachers of experience, and both schools made excellent progress,

GENERAL REMARKS.

The schools have been generally if not entirely successful during the last year, and I am pleased to say that during the year, in quite a number of districts, the parents have been present at the final examination, to their own satisfaction and the encouragement of the scholars.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Some of these need repair. District No. 3, 7, 8, 13, should look to their School Houses. No. 7, should look to the Academy, and especially to the Intermediate School Room. I think the seats in this room should be exchanged for others more modern. If they regard the health of their children, they will look to the matter.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

There has been no exchange of books during the past year, and there is an uniformity of School Books throughout the town.

TEACHERS.

There seems to be a disposition among the Agents to hire cheap teachers—a mistaken policy. Better to have shorter schools, with good instructors, than longer schools with cheap instructors.

The town should raise a sum equal to the sum raised last year, in order to secure teachers of ability.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. E. CROCKETT, Supervisor of Schools.

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